

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
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CC TO: Broad, Assistant Director; Rob Brown, City Transportation Engineer

FROM: David Ricks, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Traffic Control Speed Limit Signs – Additional Information

DATE: February 19, 2016

On the February 23, 2016 regular agenda, City Council will be reviewing an ordinance authorizing the change of speed limit within the Meadowbrook neighborhood. This agenda item is being submitted in response to requests from residents of the civic league concerned with the speed levels of traffic on the interior streets of the neighborhood.

Public Works presented to the neighborhood a citywide neighborhood Pilot Speed Zone Program for consideration to assist Public Works, the Norfolk Police Department, and the community with addressing speed issues. The Pilot Speed Zone Program is designed to address requests for setting and potentially lowering the speed limits particularly within neighborhoods. This criteria includes narrow roadway width, parking, lack of sidewalks, crash history, restricted visibility, pedestrian and bicycle activity and roadway geometric characteristics as the main points.

Based on traffic volume and speed studies and engineering assessments, the Division of Transportation is recommending the implementation of a Pilot Speed Zone Program for the change of speed limit from 25 MPH to 20 MPH along the following streets within the Meadowbrook neighborhood:

1. Claud Lane,
2. Cortlandt Place,
3. Helena Avenue,
4. Pasadena Court,
5. Runnymede Road,
6. Shirland Avenue,
7. Trouville Avenue

In addition to the above, as a measure to help address speed levels on North Shore Road, the division is recommending the installation of stop sign control on North Shore Road at Cortlandt Place.

After the initial determination was made, staff met with the Meadowbrook Civic League for consultation and approval. As a result of the meetings, an ordinance has been drafted to include this proposal and submitted to City Council for approval.